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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EFIS, PLOS, IATTC, CS

SUBJECT: LOS: NEW YORK TUNA MEETING

REF: PARIS 27002, STATE 228390, STATE 251235

1. SUMMARY: GOCR RECOMMENDS POSTPONEMENT OF NOVEMBER TUNA MEETING IN NEW YORK IN VIEW OF ADVERSE ATMOSPHERE GENERATED BY BREAKDOWN OF INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION (IATTC) MEETING IN PARIS. REQUESTS USG OPINION BEFORE CONSULTING OTHER COUNTRIES. END SUMMARY.

2. VICEMIN FOREIGN AFFAIRS, VICTOR HUGO ROMAN, INVITED CHARGE TO MINISTRY LATE OCTOBER 23 TO DISCUSS GOCR CONCERNS RE TUNA MEETING SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN NEW YORK BEGINNING NOVEMBER 3. ROMAN MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE WAS SPEAKING WITH THE AUTHORIZATION OF FONMIN FACIO AND PRESIDENT ODUBER.

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3. ROMAN DESCRIBED BREAKDOWN OF IATTC TALKS IN PARIS, WHICH HE SAID INVOLVED NEAR CONFRONTATION BETWEEN U.S. AND MEXICO. RESULT, IN GOCR VIEW, IS VERY BAD ATMOSPHERE FOR SCHEDULED MEETINGS IN NEW YORK AT WHICH NEGATIVE MEXICAN ATTITUDES LIKELY STRENGTHEN HARD-LINE POSITIONS OF COUNTRIES LIKE ECUADOR AND PERU.

4. GOCR CONSIDERS SCHEDULED RESUMPTION OF IATTC MEETING IN WASHINGTON IN DECEMBER AS THE HIGHEST PRIORITY IN ORDER TO REACH AGREEMENT ON REGIME FOR TUNA FISHING SEASON BEGINNING IN JANUARY. IN GOCR VIEW, FURTHER CONFRONTATION AND POSSIBLE FAILURE OF MEETING IN NEW YORK, WHICH SEEMS LIKELY, WOULD FURTHER PREJUDICE CHANCES FOR COMPROMISE IN DECEMBER. GOCR THEREFORE BELIEVES THAT NOVEMBER MEETING SHOULD BE POSTPONED UNTIL SOMETIME EARLY NEXT YEAR, THEREBY LEAVING THE INTERVAL UNTIL DECEMBER FREE FOR PASSIONS TO COOL AND ANALYSIS OF PROBLEMS TO PROCEED PRIOR TO IATTC MEETING.

5. ROMAN MADE IT CLEAR THAT GOCR WAS CONSULTING WITH USG AT THIS STAGE PRIOR TO TALKING TO OTHER COUNTRIES, AND IS NOT YET MAKING A FORMAL PROPOSAL FOR POSTPONEMENT OF NOVEMBER MEETING.

6. SINCE GOCR IS SEEKING U.S. VIEW FIRST, I HOPE THAT DEPARTMENT CAN PROVIDE GUIDANCE SOONEST FOR RESPONSE TO ROMAN.

7. IN LIGHT OF GOCR REQUEST, DELEGATION NAMES REQUESTED IN STATE 251235 CANNOT BE PROVIDED AT THIS TIME.
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